

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

51 1. An image-processing apparatus for processing the image data input from an image-handling device and then outputting the image data to another image-handling device, said apparatus comprising:

black-adaptation correction means for correcting the image data in consideration of the fact that adaptation to black varies from person to person, if the darkest points of the image-handling devices differ from each other, so that the colors of the images produced by the image-handling devices look almost the same.

2. A method of processing image data input from an image-handling device before the image data is output to another image-handling device, said method comprising the step of:

correcting the image data in consideration of the fact that adaptation to black varies from person to person, if the darkest points of the image-handling devices differ from each other, so that the colors of the images produced by the image-handling devices look almost the same.